

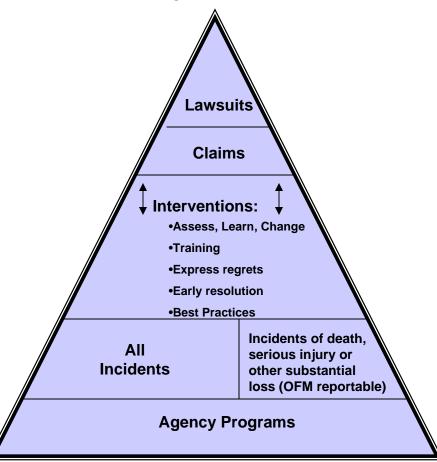
- ■Tort Liability Trends Overview
- ■Focus Areas:
  - □Incident Reporting
  - □Employment Claims

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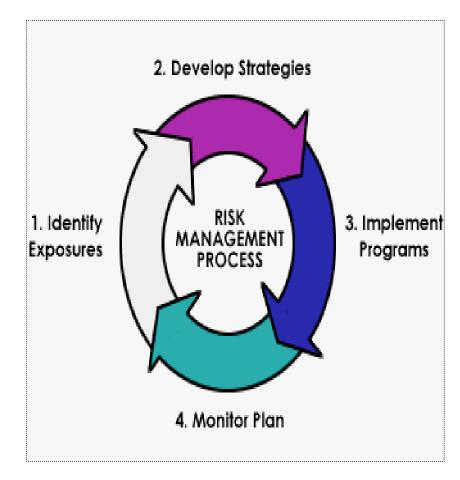


### Risk Management: Taking Deliberate Actions to Avoid Loss Across Multiple Functions

Risk Management Continuum

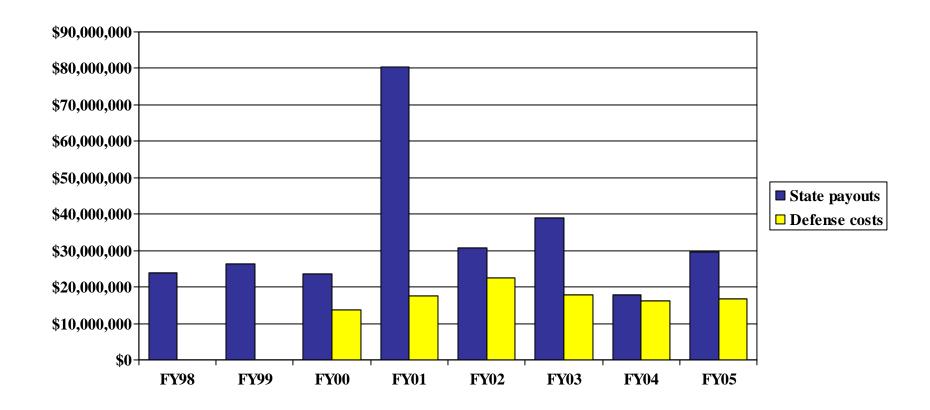


Enterprise Risk Management Model





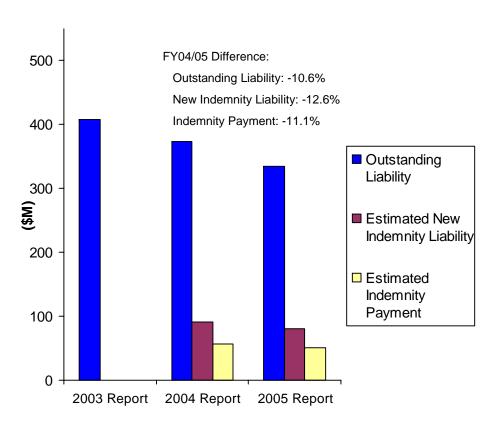
### **Tort Payouts - Fiscal Years 1998-2005**



Defense costs were not tracked as part of the self insured liability account before 2000.

Source: OFM Claims Database

### 2005 Actuarial Report: Downward trend for projected liability and payouts



Source: PricewaterhouseCoopers 2005 Actuarial Report

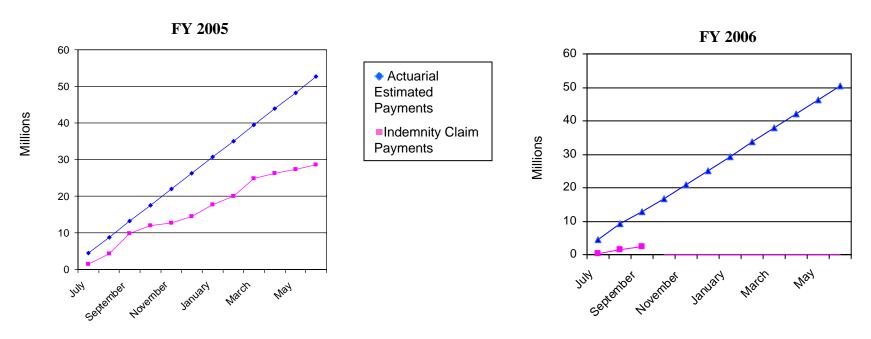
#### **Analysis:**

- Aggressive management of tort lawsuits contributed to favorable loss record.
- 2005 Actuarial Report supported lower commercial insurance premiums for third year:
  - □ 5% reduction: Excess liability
  - □ 12% reduction: Marine
  - □ 20% reduction: Property

#### Definitions:

- Outstanding: Reserve value of all open claims, including an estimate of the value of incurred but not yet reported claims.
- Estimated new: Estimate of the value of new claims during a fiscal year.
- ☐ Estimated payment: The estimate of the value of claims to be paid during a fiscal year.

# 2006: Trend continues as payouts continue below actuarial projection

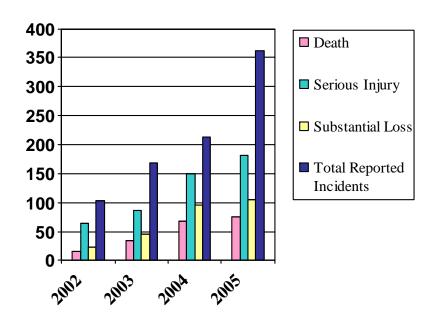


#### **Analysis:**

- Potential settlement of Joyce case (DOC) could increase 2006 payments.
- Self-Insurance Liability Account is funded at 21% of outstanding liabilities, due to actual performance compared to actuarial estimates (50% is maximum allowed funding).

# The Key to Effective Risk Management is Proactively Addressing Incidents

## **Incidents Reported** to OFM by Fiscal Year



Incident: Event of substantial loss alleged or attributable to the state.

Source: OFM-Loss Prevention Review Team Data

#### **Analysis:**

- Reporting compliance primarily accounts for increased incident numbers, masking positive or negative trends.
- Agencies under-report incidents to OFM. Source:
  Claims comparison, GMAP reports and other sources.

#### **Targets:**

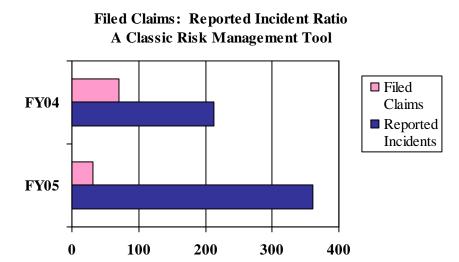
- 100% reporting of incidents in required categories by December 30, 2006.
- 100% review of OFM reported incidents by either OFM, agency or third party by June 30, 2007.
- OFM will complete 8-10 OFM Director's statutory incident reviews by loss prevention review teams per year.

#### **Action Plan:**

- Develop executive level direction to agencies regarding reporting and review responsibility by December 2005.
- Include a centralized incident reporting and loss history functionality in the new RMIS (by June 2006), and obtain agency executive acceptance of total incident reporting.
- Conduct three agency risk forums each year, starting in FY 2006 with WSP, DOC, and DSHS-CA.
- Develop risk management action plans with agencies; assist in implementation; conduct quarterly incident reviews with agencies and AGO.
- Adapt DSHS-ESA incident pilot for other program use.



### Is Incident Assessment Improving Outcomes?



**Under Development** 

#### **Analysis:**

- Claims to incident ratio data is not stabilized, making analysis of trending speculative, but the tool should be developed and monitored.
- Incident distribution tracks liability payout distribution.
- Better incident management = fewer claims = fewer lawsuits. Why? Proactive change at the program level through assessment and implementation in response to incidents

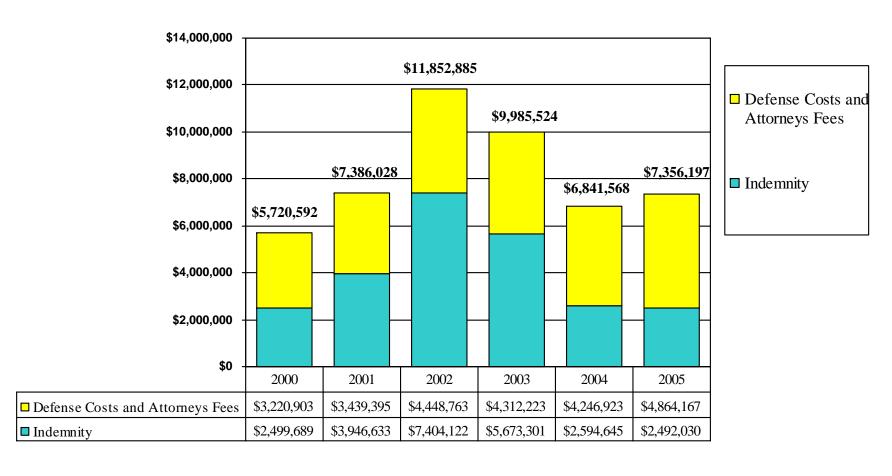
#### **Action Plan**

Continue to track claims: incident ratio, using it as a measure of whether loss prevention efforts are effective

Source: OFM-Loss Prevention Review Team Data and Claims Database

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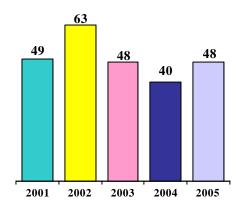
# Statewide Employment Claims Indemnity and Legal Costs FY 2000 to FY 2005



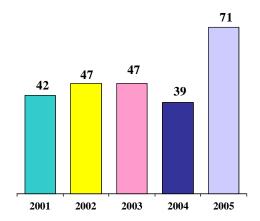
Source: OFM Claims Database

# **Employment Lawsuits are Down Slightly, while Claims are Rising**

#### **Employment Lawsuit Filings**



**Employment Claims** 



#### **Analysis:**

- Defense costs and attorneys fees are higher in relation to payout in employment cases.
- Disability, race discrimination, retaliation claims increasing.
- Reserves on employment claims also increasing.
- A greater number of claims and cases should go to AGO Early Resolution Program (ERP) (see backup slide).

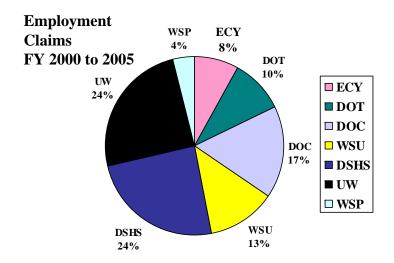
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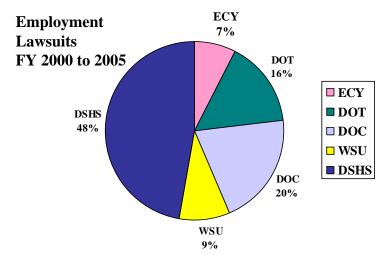
- Divert 100% more claims and cases to early resolution (OFM-AGO/effort) by December 31, 2005; emphasize resolution of employment cases and claims.
- Reduction in employment lawsuits overall of 25% over three years.

#### **Action Plan:**

- Re-instituted DOP Management Leadership Development curriculum:
  - ☐ Target supervisors and managers.
  - Add core risk management curriculum addressing employment practice liability prevention/control by August 2006 (OFM).
- See slide 10.

# Resolution at the Earliest Time is the Key to Reducing Employment Liability





#### **Analysis**:

- UW Early Resolution Program dramatically reduces employment litigation (74% claim reduction per 1000 FTEs and 0 lawsuits).
- DSHS, DOT and DOC claims result in lawsuits more often than other agencies.
- AGO use of dispositive motions reduced average suit resolution time from 795 days to 120 days.

#### **Action Plan:**

- Adapt UW employment liability resolution practice model for use by other state agencies by July 2006.
- By Fall 2006, use DOP Grievance Tracking System to identify prevention strategy areas.

Source: OFM – Claims Database

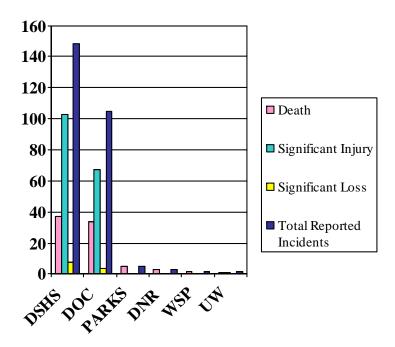
## GMAP – Risk Management

Back-Up Slides



# **Agency Incident Frequency Levels Track Claims and Payout Levels**

#### **Incidents Reported by Agencies for FY2005**





### DOC: Filings by Category, for Claims Closed FY 2000-2004

#### **Analysis:**

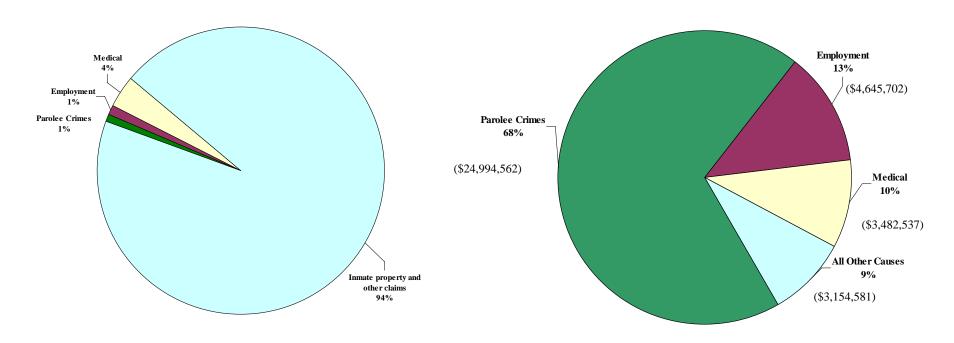
The vast majority of DOC claims did not relate to causes producing the highest payouts.

#### **Action Plan:**

 DOC's risk management initiatives should continue to focus on highest areas of risk, including supervision of offenders in the community.



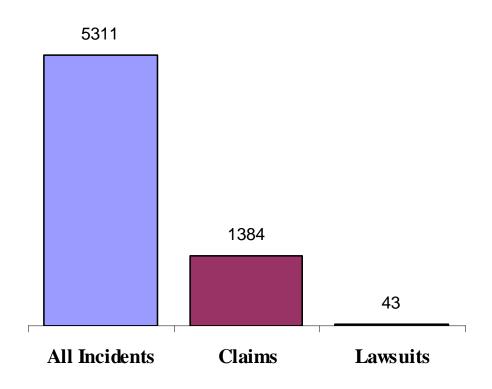
### Primary Sources of DOC Risk Based on Payouts, FY 2000-04



Source: OFM – Claims Database



# DOC Loss to Claims Ratio FY 2001 (Note: The 43 lawsuits related to 54 of the claims)



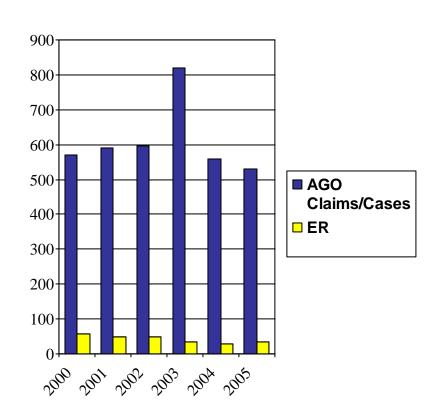
#### **Analysis:**

- •DOC's loss to claim ratio appears to be satisfactory.
- •Tracking this on a regular basis would be helpful to the agency.

Source: DOC-Tele-Incident Database and OFM-Claims Database



### **AAG Claims Diverted to Early Resolution Program (ERP)**



#### Analysis:

Average 44 claims per year to ERP.

#### **Target:**

■ Target 100% increase in claims and lawsuits to early resolution effort.

#### **Action Plan:**

Assign additional staff (AGO, OFM) to work program (done).

Source: AGO - CMS Database



### **OFM – Risk Management Division Staffing**

- Tort Claim Management
  - □ 3.6 FTEs Tort claims and litigation management
  - □ 2 FTEs Investigators; 3 FTEs Investigative assistants
- Loss Prevention and Risk Finance
  - □ 3.7 FTEs Loss prevention specialists
  - □ 1.7 FTEs Risk finance
- \$1.2 Million to Develop RMIS FY 2005-07 Biennium
  - □ 2-3 FTEs Information and data coordination, analysis, project management
- **■** Administrative Support
  - □ 3 FTEs